

REMARKS

The Applicant elects the Group 3 claims and elects the species 2, with traverse. The Applicant believes that all of the claims are novel and that a generic claim will be allowed which encompasses all of the species and the inventions described in all of the groups. The Examiner is requested to reconsider the restriction requirement both now and in the future when prior art is better understood by the Examiner.

The Applicant has cancelled all non-elected groups and has cancelled claim 24 as being a non-elected species.

The Applicant has added new claims 27-46, all of which are generic to or limited to the elected species 2.

Claims 21, 22, 23 and 25 have been amended by only deleting limitations from these claims. It is axiomatic that deletion of limitations from a claim does not result in a narrowing of the claim, nor can it result in adding new matter or directing the claims to a different species.

The Examiner has commented that the filter illustrated in Figure 2 is not labeled with a reference numeral. A proposed corrected Figure 2 showing the filter labeled as 122 is attached, with the correction circled. Formal drawings will be provided upon receipt of notice of allowance.

The Applicant believes that the remaining claims, as amended, and the new claims are in condition for allowance.

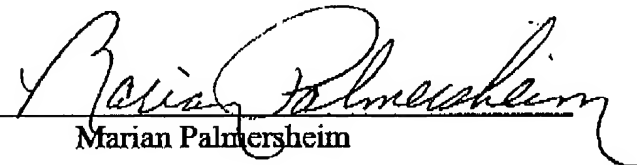
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